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The Cambridge Daily News moved to new premises in Newmarket Road in 1962

New offices for Daily News – 1962

THE Cambridge Daily News moved from its old premises in St Andrew's Street to the new buildings in Newmarket Road at the weekend.

It began in earnest as soon as the presses stopped running off the late sports editions on Saturday evening.

Then the removal men moved in, equipped with a five-ton crane for lifting linotype print setting machines to augment new ones already at the new works.

To take the machines from the old building, a special door was made in the wall opening onto the Post Office Telephone Department yard next door.

Runners and skids were placed under the linotype machines, then teams of workmen pushed them across the floor into the doorway ready for the crane to do the rest.

The offices were easier to move, tables, chairs, typewriters and books presenting no problems.

Throughout the weekend, fleets of van, lorries and cars plied backwards and forwards between the two buildings.

The move had to be completed in one go. Unlike most offices, a newspaper cannot close up for the day. The process of news-gathering must go on.

The move is now complete although there is still a branch office in St Andrew's Street for the convenience of the public for the insertion of advertisements and payments of accounts.

Thor rocket makes journey to Mepal airbase – 1959

LOOKING like a gigantic cigar, a tarpaulin-covered 'Thor' rocket – minus its warhead, of course – passed through Ely en route to the Mepal rocket base.

The 90-foot transporter, with pilot drivers at the rear to ensure negotiation of the highway, was escorted by the RAF police. Preceding it, to clear the streets of all other traffic, were civil police.

The 'Thor,' produced in America, has a range of at least 1,500 miles.

New traffic signals to be installed – 1957

THE central island containing the underground public convenience at Hyde Park Corner is to be resited to make way for new traffic signals.

The toilets might be resited on Lensfield Road where trees and a fence will provide a screen from the Scott Polar Research Institute.

But the university suggests that Parker's Piece would be a better location.

Emergency training college opens – 1947

HUNDREDS of men and women now starting on teaching courses at the Emergency Training Colleges being opened all over the country will emerge fully qualified to take posts in the schools waiting so anxiously for them.

One of these colleges was opened in the grounds of Wimpole Park. Used during the war as an American Red Cross Hospital, the buildings have been adapted for the purpose and now house 260 students drawn from all over the country.

All men, and mainly in their late twenties, they will share a communal existence and all sorts of clubs and societies will be started for their leisure hours.

Defendant cautioned for standing on motorbike – 1926

PC Bird told magistrates he saw the defendant riding a motorcycle in James Street, Cambridge. He was standing on the saddle and with his hands on the handlebars.

Witness told him he had no control over the machine, and he replied: "None whatsoever."

There were other machines in the street and some children playing on the footpath.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty, said: "I did not think there was any harm in doing it in a quiet street near my house."

Magistrates took a lenient view and dismissed him with a caution.

The Thor rocket was transported to Mepal in 1959
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Newmarket Road cemetery

Cemetery land 'too expensive' – 1908

NEWMARKET Road Cemetery was too expensive, ratepayers claimed.

The land had cost four times what adjacent ground had fetched, the walls were crumbling and the cottage built of the poorest bricks so the papers hung in strips inside.

There were four greenhouses and a kind of chapel where part of the service was held – all of which had to be heated.

A number of beds had been planted with bulbs and expensive flowers whereas herbaceous plants would do quite well.

A number of people visited on a Sunday bringing children who played in the open space, but it should not be a recreation ground.

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